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TO THE TEACHERS OF THE CHILDREN.

It is of the utmost importance that the earliest steps in reading should be taken in the right direction. The habit of throwing expression into the sentences from the very first is invaluable; and this is impossible where the vocabulary is large. With this fact in mind, the lessons have been made as simple as possible; the average number of new words being about two and one-quarter to each page.

“To let the new life in, we know
Desire must open the portal.”

The subjects of the lessons have been chosen with an especial view to interesting the little ones so that their expression will come naturally and spontaneously.

The wise teacher will weave an interest about the earliest lessons, filling them with thought and meaning of which the printed text shall be but a suggestion. A question here and there, a drawing out of the memory and imagination, will fill the pupil with a real interest in what he is reading; and the eager child nature will exult in the knowledge he has acquired, and pressing forward to what lies beyond will throw life and meaning into the simplest sentences.

THE ALPHABET.

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THE
CHILDREN'S PRIMER.



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sēe

see

mamma

See baby.

See mamma.



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my doll

my baby doll

my mamma

See my doll.

See my mamma.

See my baby doll.



kĩt' tỹ

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See my kitty.

I can see my kitty.

Mamma can see my kitty.

My kitty can see.

My kitty can see baby.

REVIEW.

I can see.

I can see kitty.

I can see my doll.

Kitty can see baby.

I can see mamma.

I can see baby.

Mamma can see.

Mamma can see my doll.

Mamma can see kitty.

Baby can see mamma.

Baby can see kitty.

Kitty can see mamma.

Kitty can see my doll.

Can baby see my doll?

Baby can see my doll.

See my doll, baby.



Ī hăve à bōōk à slāte

I have a slate.

I have a book.

I have a kitty.

See my book.

See my slate.

Mamma can see my slate.

Mamma can see my book.

See my slate, baby.

See my book, baby.

I have a doll.

Baby can see my doll.

Baby can see my book.

Baby can see my slate.

Kitty can see my book.

Can kitty see baby?

Kitty can see baby.

Can baby see kitty?

Baby can see kitty.

Can baby see my slate?

Baby can see my slate.

I have my slate.



I like Wil' lie to plāy hās

I can see Willie.

Willie has a kitty.

Willie has a book.

I have a book.

Mamma has a book.

Baby has a book.
Baby can see Willie.
I like Willie.
I like to play.
I like my book.
I like to see kitty play.
Baby can play.
Willie can play.

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Can you see Willie?
Can you see kitty?
Can you see a book?
Can you play?
Can you see kitty play?

REVIEW.

Baby has my slate.
 See my slate, mamma.
 Willie has a book.
 I have a book.
 I have my slate.
 See my book, baby.
 Willie has a kitty.
 Can you see kitty play?
 I like kitty.
 I like to play.
 Can you see baby?
 I can see baby.
 Baby can see mamma.
 I like baby.
 I like kitty.
 Mamma, see kitty play.
 I like you, kitty.



bīrḍṣ thē nĕst flȳ yĕs

I can see a nest.

I can see the birds.

Can you see the nest? Yes.

Can you see the birds? Yes.

I have a bird.

My bird can fly.

See the nest.



ōh rŭn mīce līt' tle

Oh, see the little mice!
 Can you see the little mice? Yes.
 The little mice have a nest.
 Can you see the nest? Yes.
 The little mice can run.
 I can run. Can you run? Yes.
 I like the little mice.

See the mice play.

I like to see you, little mice.

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A little mouse can run.

See the mouse, kitty.

Kitty can see the mouse.

Kitty can catch the mouse.

Run, little mouse.

Kitty can run.

Kitty can catch you.

Kitty can catch a bird.

Have you a nest, little mouse?

Run to your nest.

I like you, little mouse.

I like to see you play.

Run, run, little mouse!

Run to your mamma.



ōn bĭg rĭde hōrse māy

Papa has a big horse.

The horse can run.

Papa can ride on the horse.

I like to see papa ride.

Willie may ride on a horse.

Willie has a little horse.

Willie's horse is pretty.

I like Willie's horse.

Willie's horse can run.

Willie's horse is little.

Papa's horse is big.

Willie is little.

Papa is big.

Can you ride on a horse?

I can ride on papa's horse.

I like to ride on Willie's horse.

Willie's horse likes Willie.

Papa's horse likes Willie.

Baby likes papa's horse.

Teach the formation of the possessive by adding 's.

mamma

mamma's

baby

baby's

kitty

kitty's



fēed mīlk cow Jōhn gīves

Papa has a cow.

See the pretty cow, baby.

The cow gives milk.

I like milk.

I give milk to kitty.

I can feed the cow.

You may feed the cow.

See baby feed the cow.
See John milk the cow.
I like to see you milk, John.
Papa can milk the cow.
I like to see papa milk the cow.
I can feed papa's horse.
The cow can see baby.
The cow likes baby.
Baby likes to feed the cow.
I like the pretty cow.

Papa has a — cow.
I have a — book.
Willie has a — horse.
Mamma has a — baby.
Kitty can see a — mouse.
I like my — slate.
Oh, see the — bird!

Children supply the adjective.

REVIEW.

Willie, can you milk a cow?
 Yes, I can milk a cow.
 I can ride on a horse.
 I can feed the horse.
 See kitty in the tree.
 A little bird is in the tree.
 The little bird can see kitty.
 The little bird can fly.
 The bird has a pretty nest.
 The nest is in the big tree.
 The bird is on the nest.
 I can feed the pretty bird.
 I give milk to kitty.
 See the little mouse, kitty.
 Run, little mouse!
 See the little mouse, baby.
 See kitty run.



Äl'ice gō dō änd äm it sehōol

Alice and I go to school.

Alice is little. I am big.

See my slate.

Alice has a book and slate.

I like to go to school.

Do you see my school?

It is a little school.

Do you go to a little school?



sews_(s) mē ăt lōok fôr

Can you sew, Alice?

Yes, I can sew a little.

I sew for my doll.

Mamma sews for me.

Mamma sews for baby.

I can sew for mamma.

I like to sew.

Do you sew in school, Alice?

Yes, I sew in school.

Look at my doll.

Do you see my doll?

Look at me. See me sew.



white dove Grāce wish

I have a pretty white dove.

Do you wish to see my dove?

Yes, I wish to see your dove.
It is the big white dove.
Oh yes, I see it.
It is a pretty dove.
See it fly, Grace.
Fly to me, pretty dove.
See baby look at the dove.
Do you wish to feed the dove?
You may feed it.
See the dove fly to baby.
My white dove has a nest.
Fly to your nest, pretty dove.

Willie has a little horse.
Alice has a pretty doll.
Grace has a white dove.
Papa has a big cow.
I have a little kitty.



whêre gět dīd nōt gāve

Where did you get your book?

It is not my book.

It is Willie's book.

Where did Willie get it?

Papa gave it to Willie.

I have a big doll.

Papa did not give me my doll.

Mamma gave it to me.

I can look at Willie's book.

I have a big slate.

Do you wish to see it?

I can not get it.

It is at school.

See my doll.

Can my doll see the book?

The doll can not see the book.

Alice has a big book.

Where is your book, Alice?

I wish to see it.

I can get it for you.

Willie gave me my book.

I like to look at the book.

Have you a book, Grace?

I have a pretty book.

Where is your book?

Mamma has my book.

REVIEW.

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Grace has a pretty white dove.

I like to feed it.

I want a pretty dove, mamma.

You have a big doll, Kitty.

My doll can not play.

You can play with Willie.

Yes, I like to play with Willie.

Willie has a little white kitty.

Oh, I like a little kitty.

I can play with the kitty.

I wish to see the kitty.

Oh, you pretty little kitty!

Do not run.

I will give you milk.

I can sew for my doll.

I can play with my kitty.



Mĩn' nĭe bōat wĭll hē

See my papa.

He has a big boat.

I wish to ride in it.

Papa, will you give me a ride in
your boat?

Yes, Minnie, I will.

Run and get mamma and baby.

Oh mamma, papa wants you!

He will give you a ride.

Baby may go in the boat.
 Do you wish to go, baby?
 Do you like to ride in the boat?
 See baby run to the boat.

My papa has a boat.
 I go to school.
 A little kitty can run.
 A little bird can fly.
 Have you a slate?
 My kitty likes milk.
 I like to see kitty play.
 Oh, see the pretty nest!
 I will feed the dove.
 The dove can fly to baby.
 See Willie feed the horse.
 Alice has a pretty doll.



squĩr' rēl ūp thāt nō wē gōt nŭt

Oh, you big squirrel!

Where did you get that nut?

I got it on the tree.

We want that nut.

No, no, you can not have my nut.

I want it for my baby squirrel.

You can get a nut on the tree.

Run up the tree and get a nut.



Māy
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līl' ŷ
rōše

I have a little garden.
May gave me a white lily.
I have a rose.

It is in my garden.

Have you a garden? Yes.

Have you a lily in it?

No, I have a rose in my garden.

Minnie gave me my rose.

Where did you get your rose?

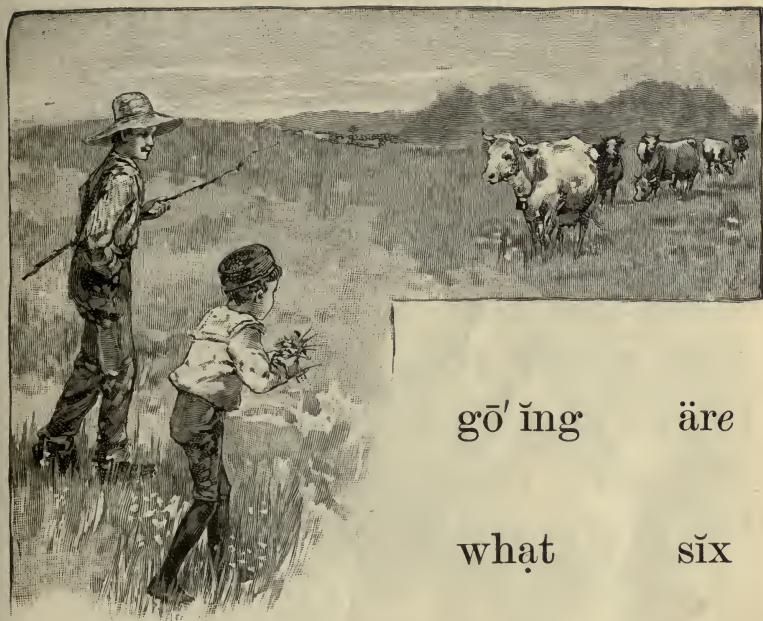
Papa gave my rose to me.

He has a big garden.

My papa has a big garden.

May I see it? Oh yes.

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What are you going to do, John?

I am going to get the cows.

May I go, too?

Oh yes, you may.

I like the pretty cows.

Papa has six cows.

I see the six cows.

Are you going to feed the cows,
John?

Oh no, I am going to milk the
cows.

I will feed you, pretty cows.

What do you like?

I see what you like.

I will get it for you.

Where is the white cow going?

Do not run, my pretty cow.

John is going to milk you.

I like your white milk.

I will feed you.

I wish to milk the cow, John.

You may milk the white cow.

I like the white cow.

Papa gave the white cow to me.



thⁱⁿk lēt iŝ' n't sōme pāil Nēd

What is it mamma wants me to
do?

Let me think.

Is it to feed my dove?

No, it isn't to feed my dove.

Is it to get some nuts for Ned's
squirrel?

No, it isn't that.

Is it to get some milk for the
baby?

Yes, I think it is to get some milk.

I think John is going to milk.

He has a big pail.

I will run and get my little pail.

Baby may have some milk.

I will let kitty have some milk.

Kitty likes the white milk.

I see baby in the garden.

Do you want some milk, baby?

I will get some milk for you.

What have you for me?

You may get a rose for me.



gränd' mä been_(i) hēr shē gläd còm'ing

I have been to see grandma.

She gave me a lily to give
to mamma.

It is a pretty white lily.

I like to go to see grandma.

I have been in the garden.

She has a pretty garden.

I like to play in her garden.

Grandma is going to see mamma.

Grandma! Grandma! Where are
you?

Are you coming, grandma?

Yes, I think she is coming.

I am glad she is coming.

I want her to see Ned's squirrel.

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Let the children discover the new words for themselves.

REVIEW.

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What is in your box, May?

You may look in and see.

Oh, what a pretty rose!

Yes; and see the lily.

I got the rose in my garden.

Papa and I got the lily.

Where is Ned going?

He is going to feed the squirrel.

I think it is time to feed my dove.

Isn't my dove pretty?

Papa gave Ned a little boat.

He gave baby a doll.

He gave me a pretty box.

The lily and rose are for grandma.

I think she will like them.

Oh yes, she will like them.



thănk tọ-dāy' cīt' ỹ à wāy' bàs'kět

I am not going to school to-day.

I am going to the city
with mamma.

I like to go away with mamma.

Is Willie going with you?

No, Willie is not going to-day.

He is going to ride with papa.

I like to ride to the city.

I am going to get a pretty basket
for you.

Oh, thank you, May.

I want a pretty basket for school.

Is baby going away with you?

Oh no, she is too little.

She is going to see grandma.

Grandma has a big doll for her.

She will play in the garden.

Some day she will go to the city.

She likes to go to see grandma.

I think it is time to go.

I see mamma coming.

I will run to her.



căp hăt mŭst țin' to

Look at my white cap.
 Grandma gave it to me.
 She got it in the city.
 John has a cap, too.
 It is not like my cap.
 It is not a white cap.

I have a pretty hat for my doll.
Do you wish to see my doll?
I will get her for you.
She is up in my tree.
My tree is in the garden.
The birds have a nest in my tree.
I must go and feed them.
I am going into the garden.
I wish to get a lily for grandma.
I got a pretty rose for mamma.
Oh, I see you, John!
You are up in that tree.
Will you give me my doll?
Where is her white hat?
Do you see it in the tree?
I see it. I can get it.
I think my doll is pretty.
I like to sew for her.



Lu' lu swĩm gōld' fĩsh fĩnŕ

Lulu has a pretty fish.

It is a gold fish.

It has fins.

Look at the fins.

It can swim with its fins.

Lulu likes to feed it.

It will swim to her.

Do you like to swim, little fish?

My fish likes to swim.

Swim to me, little fish.

I like to see your pretty fins go.



Ān'nā hōpe dīd' n't saw cōme hīm

Anna, did you see kitty-run?

Yes, she saw a little mouse.

I hope she didn't catch it.

No, she didn't catch it.

I hope kitty will not catch
the little mouse.

I want the mouse to get away.

I will give kitty some milk.

Will you get some milk for me,

Anna?

Come away, kitty. You can not

have the little mouse.

Run to your mamma, little mouse.

I hope kitty will not get you.

Oh, kitty! kitty!

You must not catch the little

mouse.

The little mouse likes to play.

I like the little mouse.

I play with you.

I give you milk.

Anna has some milk for you.

Do not catch the little mouse.

It is time for papa to come.

I must run to see him.



they house put māke thrēe out two_(ā)

Papa put a bird's house into the tree.

Two little birds have a nest in it.

You can not see the bird's house.

You can see the pretty birds.

They have three baby birds.

I go out to see them.

The birds like me.

They do not fly away.

I hope kitty will not catch them.

She can not go into the bird's
house.

She is too big.

The big birds do not like her.

She must not run up the tree.

I will give her some milk.

Oh, you pretty little birds!

Fly to your nest.

Your baby birds want you.

I like to see you feed them.

What a pretty tree that is!

I saw papa make the bird's house.

The baby birds are not pretty.

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Lī' òn
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I am a big dog.
My name is Lion.
Do you see Frank?
I am his dog.
I give him rides.

He can ride on my back.

I can run. I can swim, too.

Frank likes me.

His kitty will not play with me.

Her name is Minnie.

You may ride on my back, Minnie.

Do not run up into the tree.

I am not a lion.

Lion is my name.

Do you like big dogs?

Yes, and I like little dogs.

REVIEW.

See my big dog, Alice.

His name is Lion.

Can you come and play with me?

No, Frank, I must go into the
house.

Mamma will want me.

She is going away to-day.

She is going to the city.

Grandma is coming to be with
baby and me.

I like to have grandma in the
house.

She will play with me.

She likes baby. Baby likes her.

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What can I do for you, mamma?

You may get my hat for me.

I want that big box, too.

You may put it with the hat.

Do you see grandma coming?

Oh yes, I see her in the garden.

Baby is with her now.

Baby had a ride on Lion's back.



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Oh, Jamie, can you go on a picnic
with me?

Mamma told me to ask you.

She told me to ask Frank, too.

Where are you going
for the picnic?

We are going to the woods.
Oh, I like to go to the woods.
I hope you can go.
Run in and ask your mamma.
Papa will give us a ride in his
boat.

I like to go in a boat.
Papa is going to catch some fish.
Mamma has a big basket for us.
You will like what is in it.
We will run in and ask mamma.

Mamma, may we go with Lulu?
She is going on a picnic.
Her papa is going, too.
Yes, Jamie, you may go.
Where will the picnic be?
It will be in the woods.



ăn waş flow'êrş cāke gōod found ěgg

Did you have a good time
in the woods?

Yes, mamma, we did.

We saw some pretty flowers.

Lulu has some in her basket.

We found some nuts.

I saw a little squirrel.

Frank found a pretty nest.

The nest was in a tree.

A bird was on it.

I saw her fly away.

I found an egg in the nest.

Did the baby have a good time,
mamma?

Yes, baby and kitty had a picnic,
too.

They had some milk and cake in
the garden.

I gave them some cake.

I put it into a little basket.

Baby gave some to the birds.

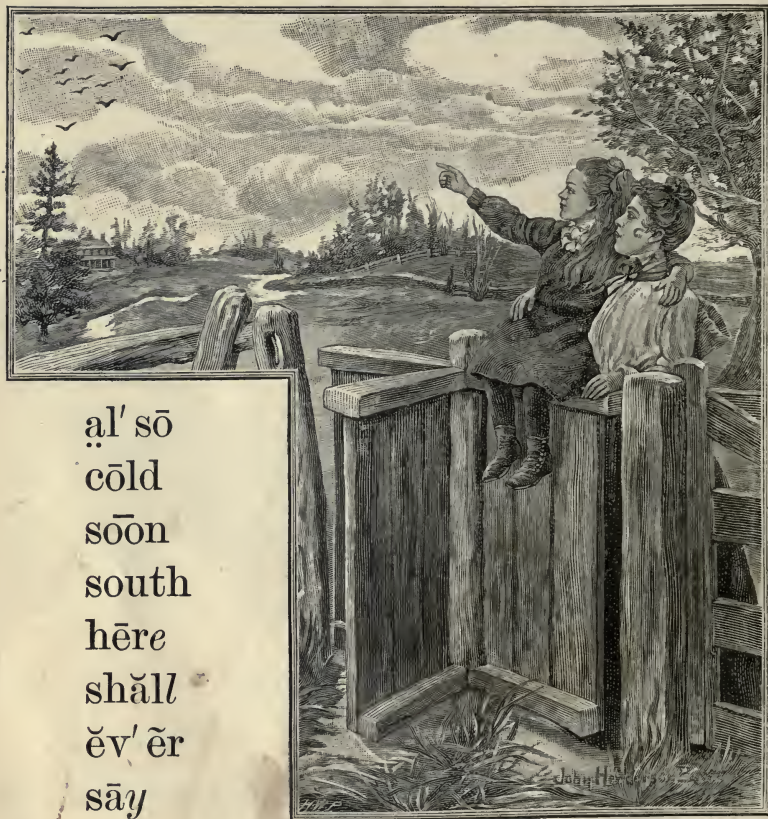
Did kitty have some cake?

No, kitty did not want it.

She did want to catch a bird.

I found her in the tree.

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Oh, see the birds!

Where are they going, man N.
They are going to the south. 4
It will be cold here pretty soon 1

Soon we shall have no flowers.

The ^{soon}birds must fly away.

It is not cold in the ^{more}south.

Will they ever come ^{south}back,
mamma?

Oh yes, they will fly back.

The flowers will come.

The birds also will come.

Will my little dove fly south?

Oh no, your dove will not go.

I must have a house for my dove.

I want you here, little dove.

Good-bye, you little birds.

Did you come to say "Good-bye"
to me?

I wish to go south with you.

Fly back to me soon, pretty birds.

I shall wish to see you.



à slēep' dēar slēep wāke bēd

See my dear little doll.

She is asleep.

I put her to sleep.

Isn't she a dear little doll?

I think she is.

It is time for her to wake now.

I wish to play with her.

Wake, my dear little doll!
 I wish to go out to play.
 I will get your pretty cap.
 We will go to see Lulu.
 I wish to see her gold fish.
 I like to see it swim.
 Do you wish to go with me?
 Lulu has a pretty play house.
 She has a pretty doll, too.
 We will put you into the play
 house.
 You may sleep in the bed.
 The gold fish likes Lulu.
 It will swim to her.

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See the dear baby.

She is asleep.

Do not wake her.

I said, "Come, baby, it is time
to go to bed.

Mamma wants you now.

She will put you to sleep.

The little birds are asleep.

The pretty flowers are asleep.

You must go to sleep.

Come with me, baby dear.
 Dolly shall go to bed with you.
 See your pretty white bed.
 See dolly in her bed.
 Do not wake the dolly.
 Baby is in her little bed.
 Go to sleep, baby dear."
 She will have a good sleep.
 She will wake soon.
 I like to look at her.
 We love you, baby dear.
 She likes to play with me.
 She wants to go to school with
 me.
 She is too little to go to school.
 Some day she may go.
 I want her to play with me.
 Come, baby, it is time to awake.

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Oh, you pretty roses!
Did you wake up for me?
May I pick you, pretty roses?

Dear grandma is sick.

She can not come out to see you.

I wish to take you to her.

Mamma told me to pick some
flowers for her.

I like you best of all.

I want grandma to have the best
flowers.

I think you are glad to come.

She will be glad to have you.

I shall put you where she can
look at you.

You shall say "Good morning"
to her.

I shall pick lilies for mamma.

Mamma likes lilies best of all.

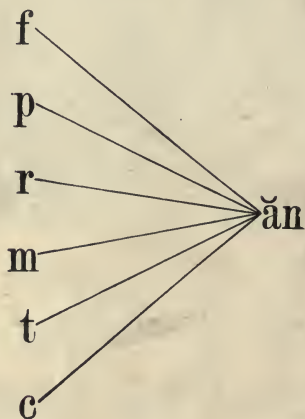
I like all the pretty flowers.

I like to give them away, too.

SOMETHING TO ANSWER.

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1. Did you help your mamma to-day?
2. What did you do for her?
3. What can you do to help her?
4. Can you wash the dishes?
5. Can you get wood for her?
6. What can you do to help papa?
7. What can you do for baby?





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See this little girl.

She hasn't any mamma.

What can I do for her?

She may have my doll.

I think she will like it.

You dear little girl!

Come and see my mamma.

She will be good to you.

Have you a little kitty?

I have two of them.

I will give you the little one.

Have you any milk for her?

She will play with you.

She will get upon your bed and
wake you.

Isn't she a dear little kitty?

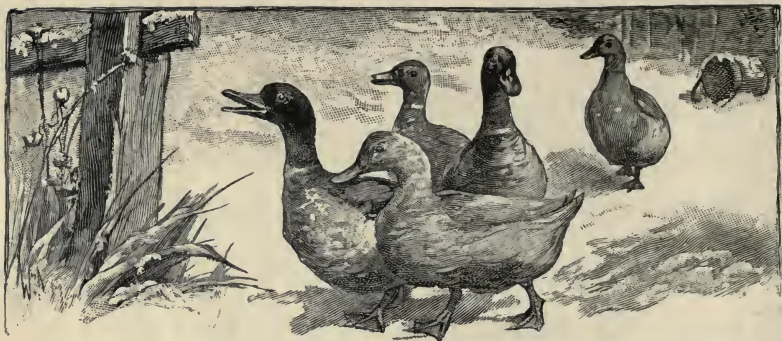


drīnk cŭp frōm sau' çēr sŭch

I love Alice. She is good to me.

She gave me my pretty kitty.

She gave it to me in a basket.
 It is a dear little kitty.
 It will drink milk.
 I give it milk in a saucer.
 I drink from a cup.
 Kitty drinks from a saucer.
 I like to see kitty play.
 Do not catch my bird.
 I must put you to bed, kitty.
 You may sleep in the basket.
 No, you must not run away.
 Be a good little kitty.
 Do not run away from me.
 You shall have a saucer of milk.
 You are such a dear little kitty!
 I hope you will not catch birds.
 I wish you to love little birds.
 I wish you to love me, too.



dūcks cōrn vēr' ŷ bārn fīnd pōor

We are Ned's ducks.

He did not feed us to-day.

We want some corn to eat.

We are going to find Ned.

I hope we shall find Ned soon.

His papa will give us some corn.

Do you see Ned any where?

Ned! Ned! where are you?

Come and feed your ducks.

It is too cold for us to go and
swim.

Give us some corn, and we will
go to the barn.

It is very cold to-day.

It is not cold in the barn.

I see Ned coming to feed us.

My poor little ducks!

You did find me, didn't you?

I have been away all day.

I told John to feed you.

Poor little ducks, you are cold!

Come back to the barn.

I will get some corn for you.

You shall have all you want.

You shall have a drink, too.

Some day you shall have a swim.



bĭrth' dāy pār' tŷ mādē hăv' ĭng

It is my birthday to-day.

I am having a party.

Frank, Jamie, Grace, and Minnie
have come to my party.

Do you see them?

Mamma made me a birthday
cake.

She made it for my party.
 We have had a good play.
 Do you see the dolls?
 They have come to the party.
 My little dog wants to come.
 I must give him some cake.
 Poor little dog, you may have
 some cake.
 You are a good little dog.
 You may have a party some day.
 Lion shall come to it.
 Mamma is going to get some milk
 for us.
 I like a party in the garden.

have
 come
 love

hav_eing
 com_eing
 lov_eing

having
 coming
 loving



Jěn' nĭe Rōv' ěr Jŭm' bō our ēat

Jennie and I are having a party.
Rover and Jumbo have come to
our party.

I am going to feed Rover.

Jumbo can't eat.

See our best dishes.

Grandma got them for us.

Do you like our party, Rover?

Mamma is going to give us some
cake.

Do not eat our cake, Rover.

I will give you some.

Jumbo may have all the cake he
can eat.

We will eat it for you, Jumbo.

Cake is good for us.

Are you having a good time,
Rover?

We are having a good time.

I was at Alice's party.

It was her birthday party.

It is not my birthday to-day.

It is not Jennie's birthday.

We play it is Rover's birthday.

See him look at me.

Do you like the party, Rover?

I think you do like it.

Jumbo shall have a party some
day.

plātes

tā' ble

tāke

tēa' pōt

wā' tēr

1. You may get me the big box.
2. You may look into it.
3. What do you see in it?
4. You may take out the plates.
5. You may put them upon the table.
6. You may put the cups upon the table.
7. You may take out the teapot.
8. You may get some water in it.
9. You may put the teapot on the table.
10. You may put some water in the cups.

11. You may put some cake on
the plates.
12. You may give some one a
cup of water.
13. You may drink a cup of
water.
14. You may now put the plates
away.
15. You may put the cups away.
16. You may put the teapot
away.
17. You may put the box away.

To be read silently and the direction obeyed. A child's tea-set
is required for this lesson.

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t all

b ill

f ěll

c all

r ill

N ěll

b all

w ill



brēak' fast

whēn

Ān' nīe

gōne

I can't go out to play now.

I must eat my breakfast.

Has Annie had her breakfast?

Yes, and she is out at play.

You must run out to her.

Jamie gave the ducks some
breakfast.

Where is Jamie now?

He has gone to school.

Minrie has gone to school, too.

Oh dear! I wish to go to school.

May I go to school, mamma?

Yes, when you are a big girl.

I want you with me now.

Eat your breakfast, little girl.

Annie is in the garden.

She wants you to play.

Take your poor doll with you.

You had a good sleep.

Now you can have a good play.

I want you to get some flowers.

You may put them in my basket.

May I pick some for grandma?

Annie gives roses to her grandma.

I don't think we have any roses.

Jamie has some baby ducks.

Oh, mamma! where are they?

They are in the barn.

You and Annie may find them.

Where did you get the pretty dishes?

Mamma gave them to me on my birthday.

See the pretty little teapot.

I will get some milk in it.

Will you take it in a little cup?

I will give you some of my birthday cake.

I will put some on a little plate for you.

Have a cup of cold water.

I will wash my little dishes now.

Do you wish to help me?

I will wash the cups, and you may wash the plates.

I help mamma wash the dishes.



färm fōur sō hēns gränd' pä

My grandpa has a big farm.

I like to go to see him.

He has four cows and
two horses.

I ride on the horses.

I go for the cows.

I help grandpa milk.

He has some hens and ducks.

The ducks are so pretty.

I like to feed the hens.

The hens like me.

Grandpa lets me feed them.

See them run to me.

Look at the hen-house.

Do you see the woods?

I like to go into the woods.

One hen has a nest in the barn.

I found it one day.

She had some eggs in it.

I put the eggs into my cap.

Grandma was glad to have them.

She made a little cake for me.

I gave some to the hen.

That was to thank her for the
eggs.

Do you see her look at me?

She thinks I have some corn for
her.



Jill kēep ĭf Jăck stĭll

This hen likes me.

Do you see where she is?

Grandpa gave her to me.

Her name is Jill.

I am going to keep her.

I have made a house for her.

Grandpa gave me the little dog.
He likes to play with me.
His name is Jack.

Come, Jack; we are going to the
barn.

Keep still, Jill. Do not fly away.
I can give you a ride if you will
keep still.

I have some corn in my pail.
I will feed you at the barn.

I like Jack and Jill, and they
like me.

Do you want your breakfast,
Jack?

You shall have it pretty soon.
I must feed the hens now.

My ducks want some breakfast.

Mrs. Căt

Mrs. Mouse

Where are you going, Mrs. Mouse?
I am going to the barn with my
little mice.

I think they will like the barn.
Oh no, Mrs. Mouse, do not go to
the barn!

Mrs. Cat is in the barn.
She will catch your baby mice.
Oh dear! what shall I do?

Come with me, Mrs. Mouse.
I will feed your little mice.
We have no cat here.

Oh thank you, little girl!

I love my baby mice.

I do not want the cat to catch them.

Teacher leads the children to imagine a mouse taking her family
p the path to the barn.



nīne pǐg thēn sòmē' thǐng

Do look at this little pig!

I think he is pretty.

My grandpa had nine baby pigs.

He let me take one in for mamma
to see.

I said, "What do you think I
have, mamma?"

"A little dog?" "No, mamma."

"A little kitty?" "No, mamma;
it is a little pig."

"What! a little pig here in the
house!"

“Yes, mamma, a dear little white pig.”

Then I let mamma see it.

She said it was pretty.

I said, “Do you wish to take it, mamma?”

She didn’t wish to take it.

I gave it a saucer of milk.

Then I took it back to the barn.

It ran to its mamma.

This little pig wants something to eat.

See the hens look at him.

Don’t you like the little pig?

The hens have had some corn.

You shall have some corn.

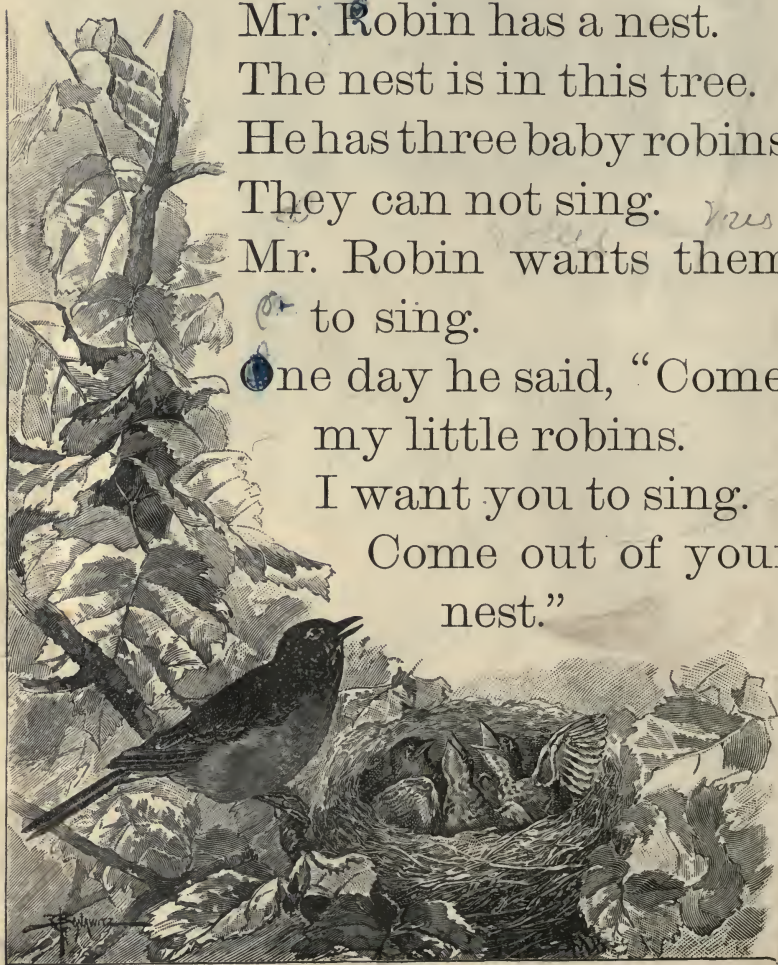
I will get some for you.

Grandpa keeps it in the barn.

Mr. Rōb' in sīng dō-mi-sōl
(ē)

Mr. Robin has a nest.
The nest is in this tree.
He has three baby robins.
They can not sing. *yes*
Mr. Robin wants them
to sing.

One day he said, "Come,
my little robins.
I want you to sing.
Come out of your
nest."



The little robins said, "No, papa,
we can not sing."

"Oh yes, my little robins.

See all the pretty flowers.

Look up at this pretty tree.

Then you will wish to sing.

I will sing 'do-mi-sol-do.'

You sing it now for me."

One little robin did sing it.

Oh, you dear little robins!

I hope you will all sing soon.

Do not go South, little robins.

Papa will make a pretty house
for you.

Then you will not be cold.

You may have it in this tree.

I shall like to have you here.

I will feed you, little robins.



chēese trāp wh̄y knōw plēase mīnd
 Mamma said, "Do not go to the box."
 Why did she say that?
 I do not know. Mamma knows.
 I see some cheese in the box.
 I want some of that cheese.
 Can a cat be in the box?
 Oh no, the cat is too big.
 I know that cheese is good.

I must have some of it.

No, don't take any.

You must mind mamma.

I am a big mouse now.

I know the box can not catch me.

I can run. I can get away.

The box can not run.

Please mind your mamma.

Come with me to her.

We will ask her what it is.

Mamma, we saw some good cheese
in a box.

May we get some of that cheese?

Oh no, my little mice.

Why not? That cheese is good.

That box is a mouse-trap.

A trap is to catch little mice.

You see mamma knows best.



Kāte
pīc' tūre

ōth ēr
drēss

thêre
rōom

This is a picture of Kate.

She gave it to me.

I am going to put it in my room.

Isn't Kate a dear little girl?

I play with her all the time.

See her pretty white dress.

Mamma has a picture of me when

I was a little baby.

I have on a white dress.

I have three pictures in my room.

One is a picture of the woods.

Papa gave it to me on my birthday.

I like to look at it.

I can see it when I wake.

I have a picture of a boat.

A girl and boy are in the boat.

The boat is in the water.

The little girl is asleep.

The boy is awake. He is looking
for some one to come.

I think he wants his papa.

There are some flowers in the
other picture.

Do you like to look at pictures?

We have some in our schoolroom.

ACTION LESSON.

To be read silently and directions followed.

1. You may put your book on the table.
2. You may get me a cup.
3. You may get some water in the cup.
4. You may drink the water.
5. You may get me a big box.
6. You may get me a little box.
7. You may put the little box upon the big box.
8. You may get me a big book.
9. You may get a picture for me.
10. You may let me see your slate.
11. You may wash your slate.
12. You may put some water upon the flowers.

13. Put your book into the box.
 14. Put the cup upon the table.
 15. Make a picture upon your
slate.
-

fīve sěv' en sīx eight
(ā)

Five birds and two birds are —
birds.

Three roses and — roses are
seven roses.

Six robins and — robins are
eight robins.

Four mice and four mice are —
mice.

One doll and seven dolls are —
dolls.

Five doves and — doves are
nine doves.



down fiēld dāi' šies dāi' šy būt' tēr cŭps

Oh, what a pretty field!

I see some flowers.

I must get some of them.

Oh, see the buttercups!

I see some daisies, too.

Come, Grace, we must have some.

I wish to take them to school.

Isn't this a pretty field?

You dear little daisies!

I must put you into my hat.
Put some into your hat, Grace.
Now we must run to school.
I wish to be in time.
I shall ask if we may sing, "But-
tercups and Daisies."
I can sing, "Wake, Little Daisy."
You have all been asleep, little
flowers.
We are glad to see you.
Are you glad to be awake?
The birds have been down south.
Now they have come back to us.
I know the birds love the flowers.
One bird has a nest in this field.
Five eggs are in the nest.
We have not time to see it now.

SOMETHING TO ANSWER.

1. Can you sing?
2. What can you sing?
3. What flowers do you like?
4. Where can you pick some flowers?
5. Has your papa a garden?
6. What has he in his garden?
7. What have you to play with?
8. What do you like to play?
9. To what school do you go?
10. What time do you go to school?
11. What do you sing in school?
12. What do you like to play?
13. Why do you go to school?
14. What can you find in the woods?



röck	nöd	à wōke'
büt' tēr flīeş	hûrt	onçe
căt' êr pîl laş	dânçe	^(wô) wings

We are butterflies. We live out
in the fields.

We fly to all the flowers.

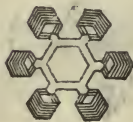
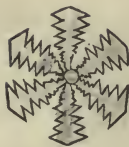
The daisies are so pretty.

We like to play where they are.

They nod and dance with us.

They rock us to sleep at night.
 Once we were caterpillars.
 We could not dance and fly.
 We had a long sleep.
 One day we awoke.
 We had wings and could fly.

The butterflies sleep in the pretty
 flowers.
 Do not hurt any caterpillars.
 They will be butterflies some day.
 Then they will fly in the fields.
 Please do not catch the butterflies.
 You will hurt their pretty wings.
 They are not made to catch.
 They like to fly in the garden.
 Dance away, pretty butterflies.
 We like to see you fly.



flȳ' ĩng

stārş

snōw

thēse

These are little snow stars.

Did you ever see any?

You can find them if you look.

See how pretty they are.

The snow is made of these little stars.

The pretty stars come flying down.

You can find other stars.

When the snow comes you must
look for the stars.

I found some the other day.

The fields are white with them.

I think it is time for them now.

The birds have all gone south.

No, not all the birds.

The snowbirds are not gone.

They do not mind the snow.

We must feed the snowbirds.

What do they like?

I think they like cake.

Poor little birds! you shall have
some cake.

Mamma will give me some for
you.

I hope you are not cold.



slěd bŭt shōw fěath' ěrs

Oh, look at the snow! Isn't it
pretty?

I must take out my sled.

Did baby ever see the snow,
mamma?

I think so; but she was too little
to look at it.

I must show it to her.

Baby dear, come here!

What do you see?

I see pretty white feathers.

No, baby, it is snow.

I will take you out in my sled.

There, baby, catch some snow.

Oh, the pretty snow! I want
some for mamma.

No, baby, you can't take it to
mamma.

I will give you a ride on my sled.

Isn't this fun? The snow is cold.

Are you cold, baby? Oh no!

We will go to see grandma.

We will show her the pretty
snow.

You can tell her you saw the
feathers come flying down.

GUIDE TO PRONUNCIATION.

A key to the symbols most of which are used in this Reader to indicate the pronunciation of the more difficult words.

I. VOWELS.

ā as in fāte	â as in câre	î as in îdea	ōō as in fōōd
ă " senâte	ē " mête	ï " ît	öö " fōöt
ǎ " făt	ĕ " ĕvent	ī " sîr	ū " ūse
ǣ " ārm	ĕ " mêt	ō " ōld	û " ûnite
ä " all	ē " hēr	ô " ôbey	ũ " ũp
á " ásk	ī " îce	ö " nôt	û " fûr

II. EQUIVALENTS.

ə = ɔ as in what	o = öö as in wɔlf	u = öö as in pull
ê = â " thêre	ó = ũ " sòn	ȳ = ī " flȳ
ī = ē " gîrl	ô = ä " hôrse	ÿ = i " babÿ
o = öö " move	u = öö " rule	

III. CONSONANTS.

Only the most difficult consonants in this Reader are marked with diacritical signs. The following table may prove useful to the teacher for reference and for blackboard work.

ç = s as in miçe	th (unmarked) as in thin
e or c (unmarked) = k as in eall	ph = f " phantom
eh = k as in sehool	s̲ = z " i̲s
ch (unmarked) " child	z (like s sonant) " zone
ġ like j " cāge	qu (unmarked) " quite
ġ (hard) " ġèt	x̲ = gz " ex̲act
ñ = ng " ñnk	x (unmarked) = ks " vex
th " thēm	

Certain vowels, as *a* and *e*, when obscured and turned toward the neutral sound, are marked thus, *ä*, *ĕ*, etc. Silent letters are italicized.

WORD LIST.



The following is a list of the words used in this Primer in the order of the lessons.

This list can be made the basis of a great variety of exercises in correct pronunciation, distinct enunciation, rapid spelling, language lessons, and review work.

sēe	hăş	ōh
bā'bŷ	plāy	rŭn
mām mǎ'	like	mīce
	Wīl'līe	līt'tle
mŷ	you	
dōll		youŕ
	flŷ	cǎtch
ī	thē	mouse
cǎn	yěs	
kīt'tŷ	něst	ōn
	bīrd	bīg
à		rīde
hăve	īn	māy
bōōk	īş	hōrse
slāte	trēe	
	pá pǎ'	cow
tō	prēt'tŷ	fēed

milk	gāve	what
Jōhn	whêre	gō'ing
gives		
	want	lēt
it	with	pāil
gō		sōme
dō	hē	is'n't
ām	will	think
and	bōat	Nēd
Āl'ice	Mīn'nīe	
sehōol		
	ūp	bē
āt	nō	lāte
mē	wē	tīme
fōr	nūt	gōōd-b'ye'
sews _(o)	gōt	this
look	thāt	
	squīr'rēl	shē
wish		hēr
dōve	līl'ŷ	been _(o)
whīte	rōse	cōm'ing
Grāce	Māy	glād
	gār'den	grānd'mā
did		
nōt	six	bōx
gēt	äre	thēm

cít'ỹ	māke	cāke
à wāy'	thrēe	ěgg
thānk	house	gōod
tọ-dāy'	out	found
bās'kět		flow'ěr _ſ
	hĩ _ſ	
căp	dōg	ăl'sō
hăt	băck	sōon
ĩn'tọ	Lĩ'òn	cōld
mũst	nāme	ěv'ěr
	Frănk	hēre
fĩn _ſ		shăł
swĩm	now	south
Lụ'lụ	hăd	sāy
gōld'fĩsh		
	ăsk	
saw	tōo	dēar
hĩm	tōld	wāke
còme	wōod _ſ	slēep
hōpe	bē	běd
Ăn'nà	Jām'ie	à slēep'
dĩd'n't	ũs	
	pĩc'nĩc	said _(s)
two		love
put	was _ſ	dōl'lỹ
they _(ā)	ăn	à wāke'

all	vēr'ỹ	fārm
sick	pōor	fōur
pick	bārn	sō
ōf _(v)	dūcks	hēns
bēst		grānd'pā
rōs'ēs	māde	kēep
mōrn'ing	pār'tỹ	if
lil'ies	hāv'ing	Jill
hēlp	bīrth'dāy	stīl
wāsh		Jāck
dīsh'ēs	our	Mrs.
one _(wō)	Rōv'ēr	cāt
an'ỹ _(ē)	Jūm'bō	pīg
gīrl	Jēn'nīe	nīne
this	ēat	thēn
ūp ōn'	tāke	sōme'thīng
cūp	tā'ble	Mr.
sūch	wā'tēr	sīng
frōm	plātes	rōb'īn
drīnk	tēa'pōt <i>mr</i>	dō-mī-sōl _(ē)
sau'cēr	whēn	whỹ
cōrn	gōne	trāp
fīnd	Ān'nīe	mīnd
	brēak'fast	

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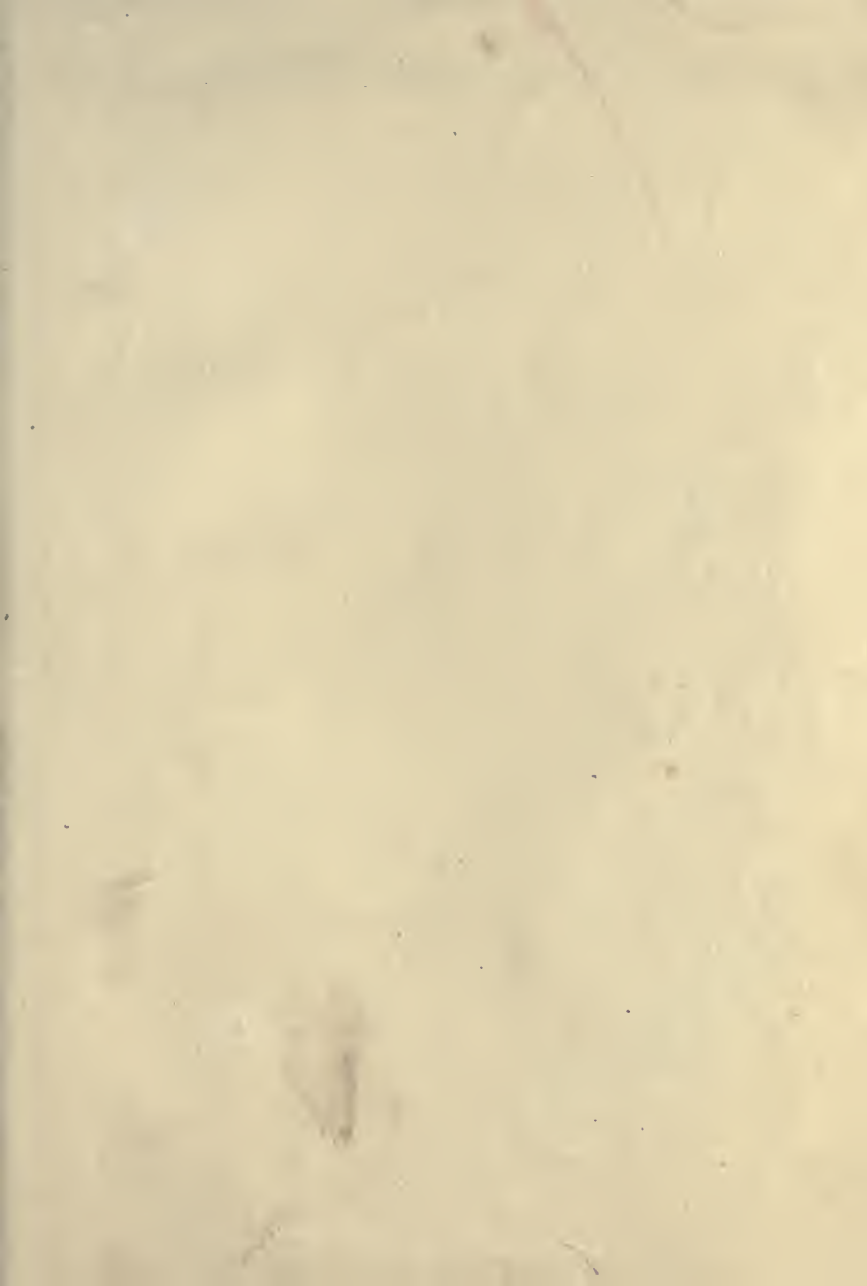
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